

Log Farmhouse, Dan's Mountain Road
AL-VI-B-169
Dan's Mountain Road, Lonaconing

This log house is located on the western flank of Dan's Mountain near the mining town of Lonaconing. Physical evidence indicated that it most likely was a farmhouse built at the time of the Civil War when the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company, which dominated the Lonaconing area, "relinquished its grip" on the land. The population of Lonaconing in 1878 included thirty-one farmers, many of whom were probably miners who had saved enough of their earnings to purchase farmland.

The house is typical, although somewhat larger than average, of log houses in Allegany County built during the mid-nineteenth century. It is two stories tall and three bays wide, resting on a substantial stone foundation. Logs are joined with the locally popular "V" notching. A barn near the farmhouse has been removed.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Log Farmhouse

AND/OR COMMON

Dan's Mountain Road

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Dan's Mountain Road

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY
Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER Vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Buffalo Coal Company

Telephone #: 463-2094

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 275

CITY, TOWN

Bayard

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
West Virginia

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

41-118-167

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒
☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building is a two story, three bays wide rectangular structure with logs joined with "V" notching and covered with weatherboard siding. It rests on a high foundation of random rubble with a plain watertable. The gable flank roof is of ribbed tin covered with asphalt shingles. Eaves consist of a cornice and soffit with a frieze and returns on the gable ends. A replaced cinderblock chimney is located outside end.

Entrances in center of the southeastern and northwestern facades include four paneled replaced doors. Original windows are pegged six over six lights, others are replaced two over two lights. A shed roofed porch on the northwest has square wooden posts.

A U.S.G.S. map of 1950 shows that a barn just northwest of the log house which has been removed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This log house is located on the western flank of Dan's Mountain near the mining town of Lonaconing. Because the property was owned for many years by different coal companies it is difficult to trace the title to obtain information necessary to determine its previous ownership or the age of the farmhouse. Physical evidence indicates that it most likely was a farmhouse built at the time of the Civil War when the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company which dominated the Lonaconing area "relinquished its grip" on the land. (1)

The house is typical, although somewhat larger than average, of log houses in Allegany County during the mid-nineteenth century. It has a three bays wide facade, rests on a substantial stone foundation, and is constructed with the locally popular "V" notched logs.

"Lonaconing had thirty-one farmers in 1878" and many of these were undoubtedly miners who saved enough of their earnings to purchase farmland. (2) Many area farms were owned by coal companies which rented their properties to farmers. (3) Regardless of the farm's origins it was one of many in the area whose produce was essential in supporting the large industrial population of the mining region.

- (1) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) p.80
- (2) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al, Allegany County, A History (Parsons W. Va.: McClain Printing Co.) p.213
- (3) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) p.76

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 459.6 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Allegheny County Historic Sites

DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: AL-VI-B-169DATE: 10/31/78REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minorNAME OF PROPERTY: Log HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: DAN'S MT. Rd. ConacomingDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: S.E.NAME OF OWNER: BUFFALO Coal Co 463-2094ADDRESS: P.O. Box 275 BAYARD W. Va 459.6AC 478 F 42STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(☒) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
(☒) LOG notching
(☒) OTHER: Coverings weatherboard

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others _____

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone RANDOM RUBBLEWATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded BrickWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2(☒) ^{REPLACED} 6/6(☒) 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged(☒) nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Center NW SE - 4 paneled doors
HARDWARE: original() replaced(☒)
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) RETURNS
original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architraveROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # _____
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original(☒) replaced()PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip() gable() OR NW
SHINGLES OVER RIBBED TINCHIMNEYS: Number: 1 CINDERBLOCK Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced(☒)
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end(☒) Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____
CONDITION: _____

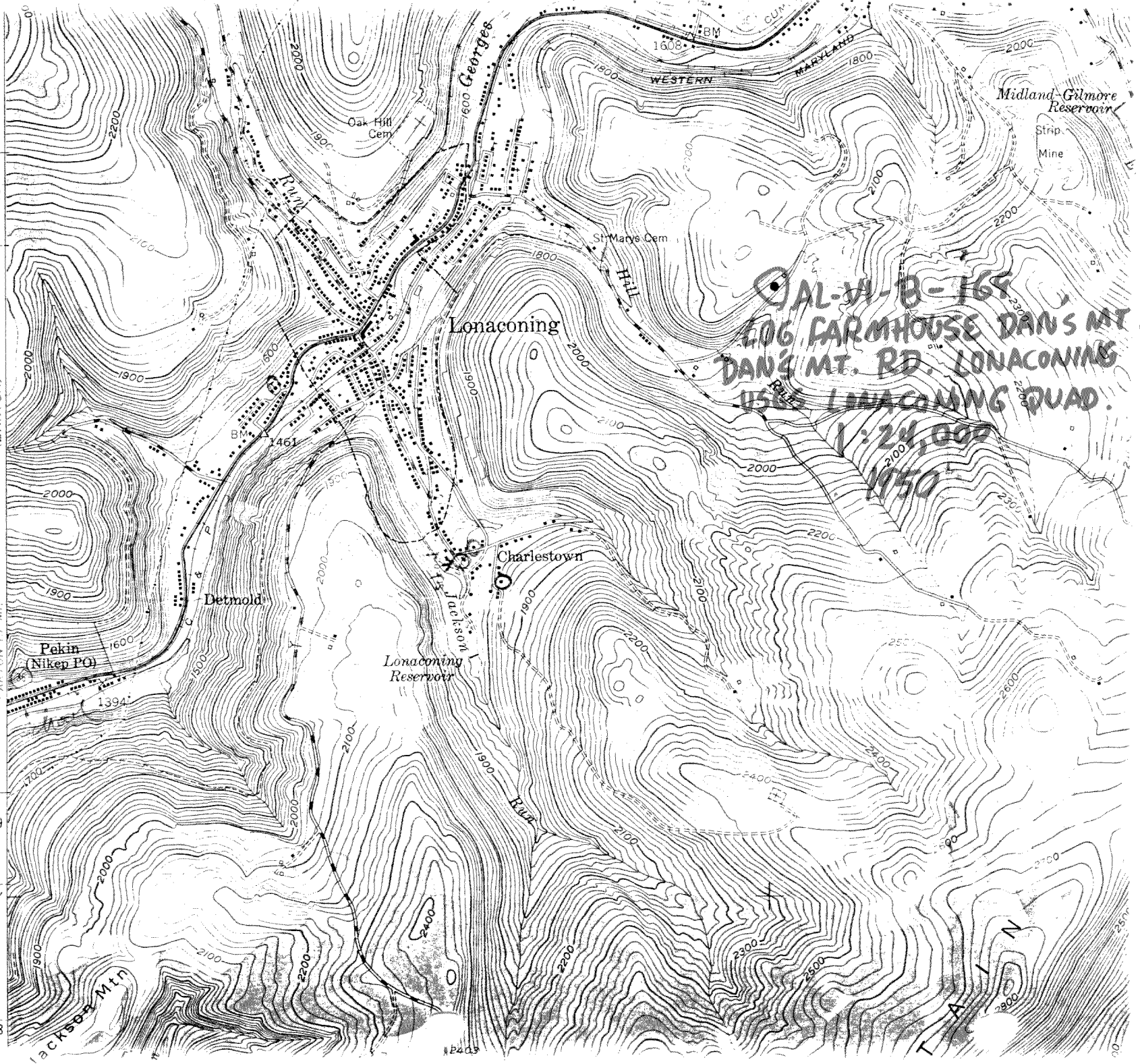
5163 II SE
(BARTON)

1 WESTERN DIST 6 1/2 MI.
BARTON 1/2 MI.

4379

32°30'

4378





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LOG FARMHOUSE DAN'S MT.
DAN'S MT. RD. LONACONING

DAVID A. DORSEY

10/31/78

EAST



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LOG FARMHOUSE DAN'S MT.
DAN'S MT. RD. LONA CONING
DAVID A. DORSEY

10/31/79

WEST